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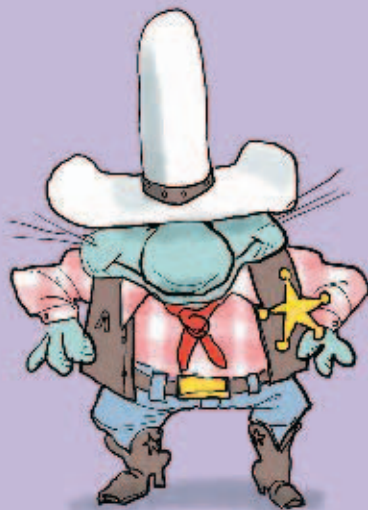
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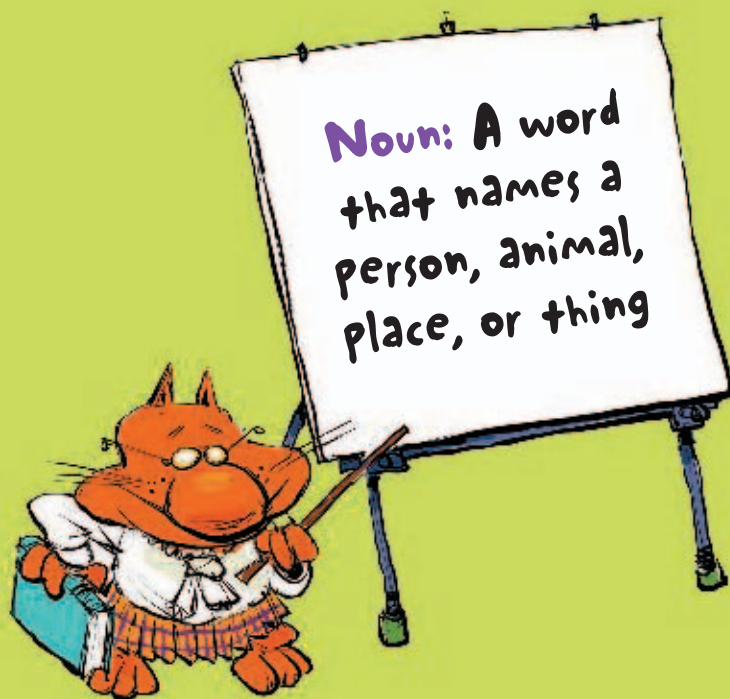
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To Noreen
—B.P.C.



Noun: A word
that names a
person, animal,
place, or thing



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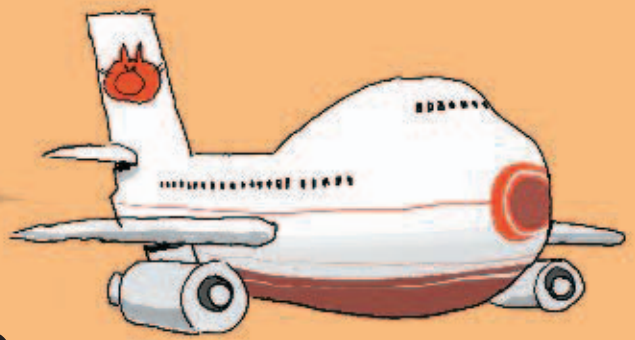
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A *jet* is a noun,



and so is
Peru.



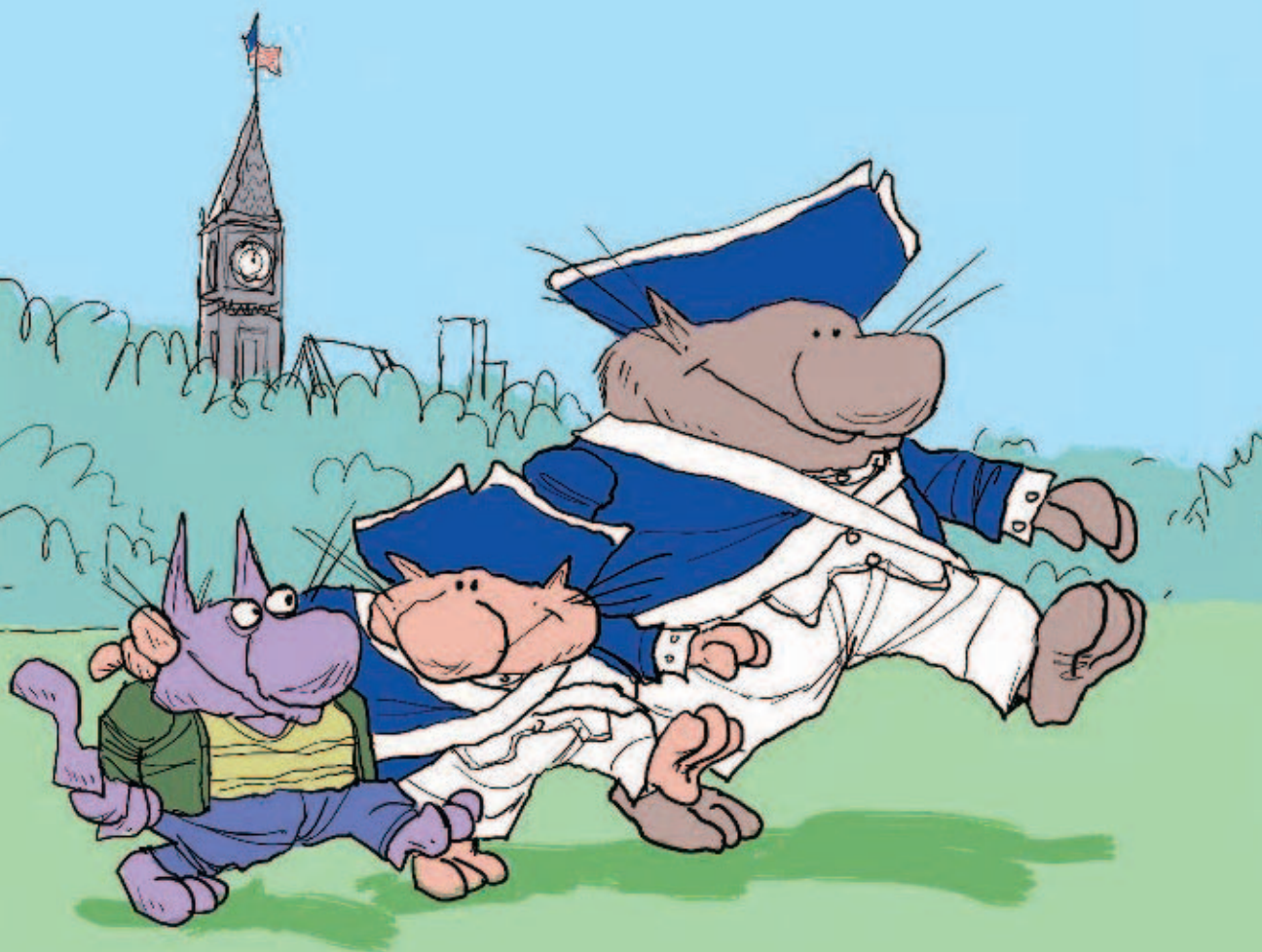
A *net* is a noun,

like *chimp*

or the *zoo*.



Friend is a noun,
and so is your dad,



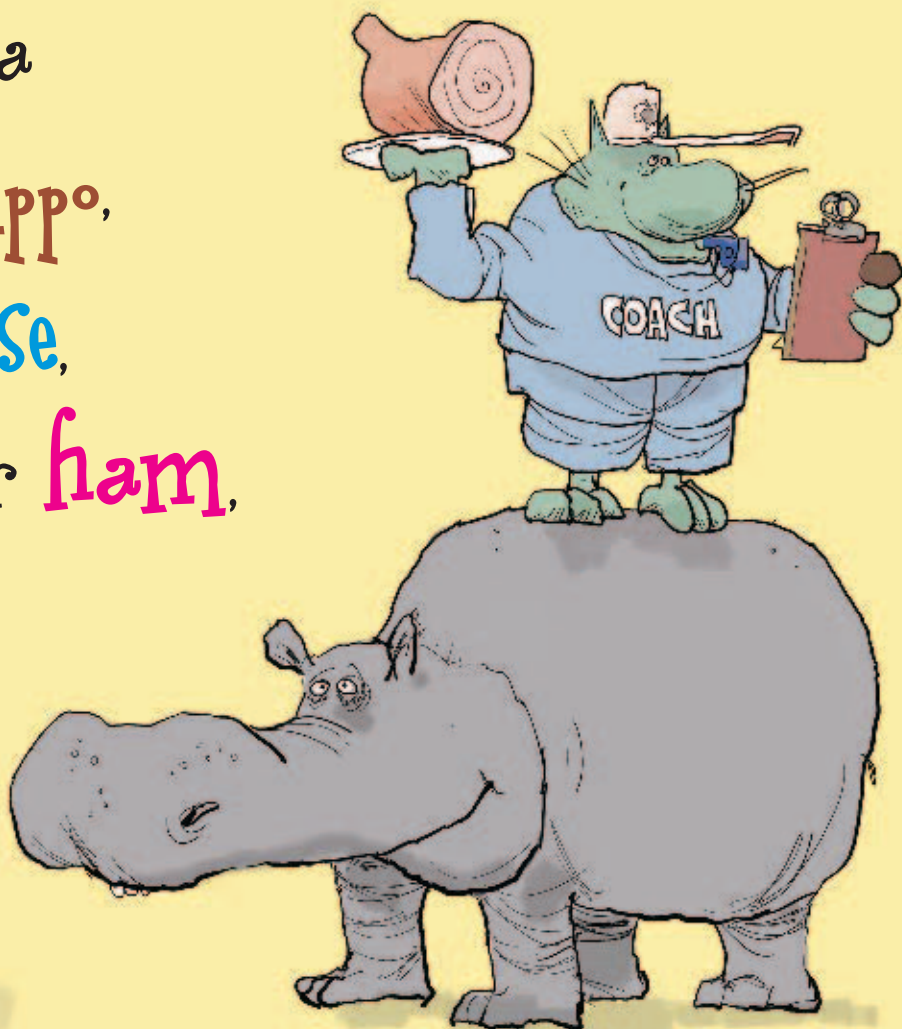
ice cream
and bagels

and Boston



and Brad.

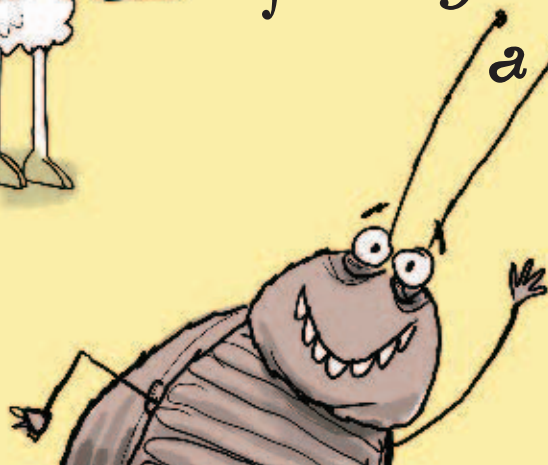
If it's a
hippo,
house,
or ham,



if it's your coach,

a roach,

or ram,



if it's a **rock**,

a **clock**, or **clown**,

then—oh my gosh, **Josh**—
it's a **noun**!



And so is a comma

and your m•m•m•a,

a billy goat,

a baby llama,



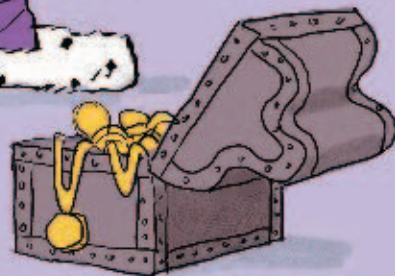
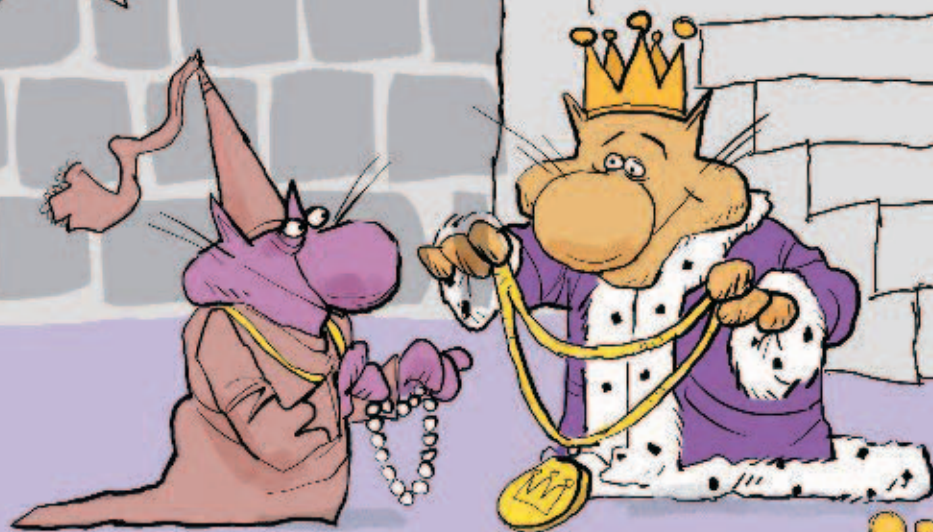
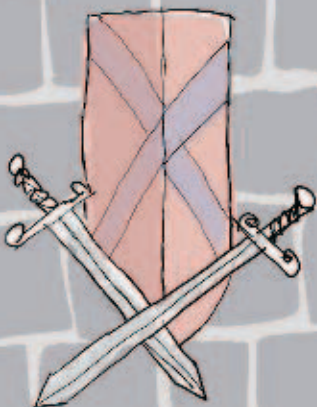
a doorway, Norway,
hand-me-downs—

all the things you see
are nouns.



If it's a **person**,
place,
or **thing**,

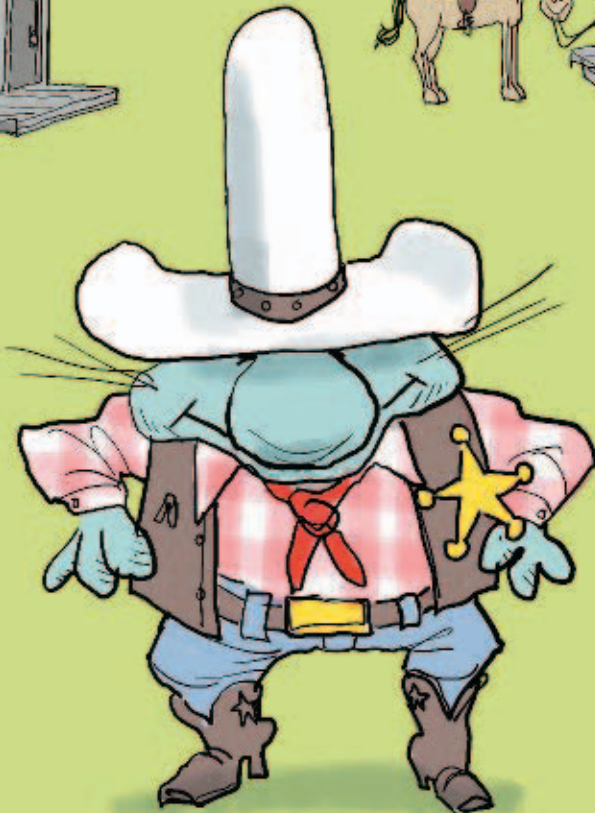
a **palace**,
pal,



or shiny **bling**,

a shack or sheriff
in your town,

it's fundamental—
it's a noun!



But there are nouns
you cannot touch
or smell or hear or see.



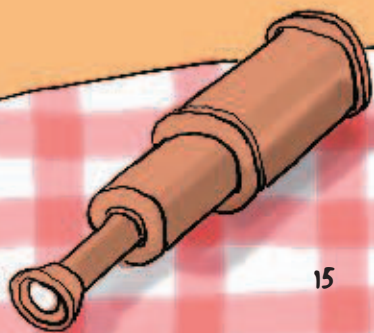
This **type** is called an
abstract noun,
like **joy** and **harmony**.

Love and hate are
abstract nouns,
and so are peace and hope.

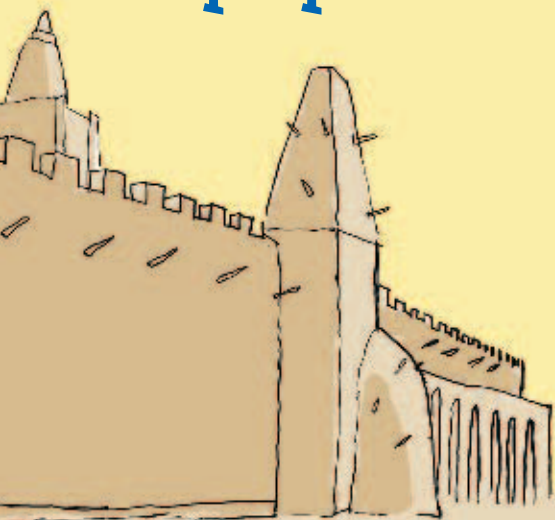


You cannot taste or hold them,

like a tart or telescope.



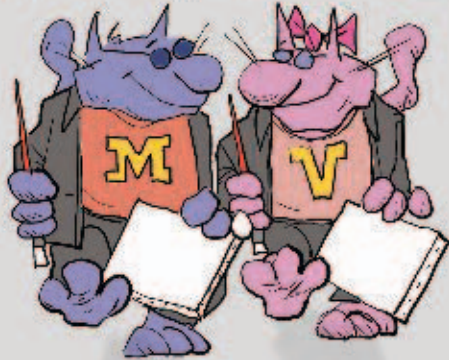
Proper nouns
all name specific
people, things, and places.



Like **Uncle Lou**
or **Timbuktu**,

they start with upper **cases**.

Like **Mallory** or **Valerie**,
the **Seventeenth Street Gallery**,



Pizza Pete's and
Ming's Chinese,

proper nouns
name each of these.

Or **Brannigan**
and **Flannigan**,
parading in
with **Anne** again.



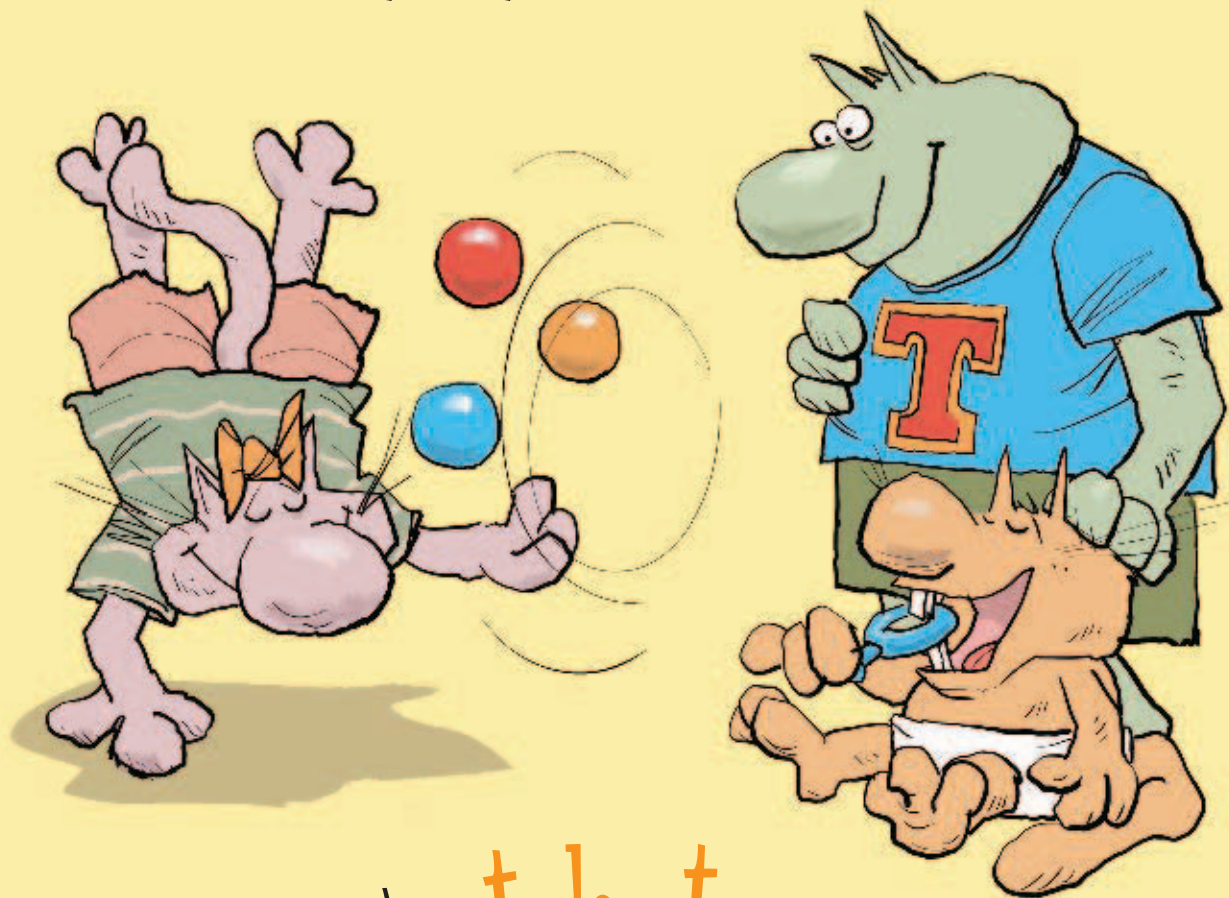


Paris, France,
and your dog,
Chopper—

all these nouns
are mighty proper!

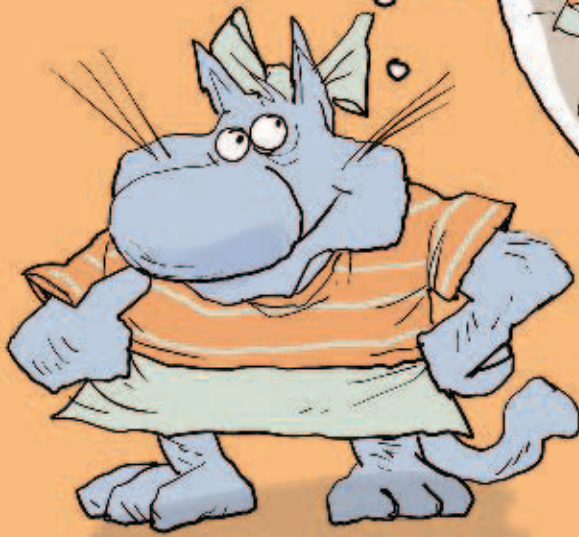
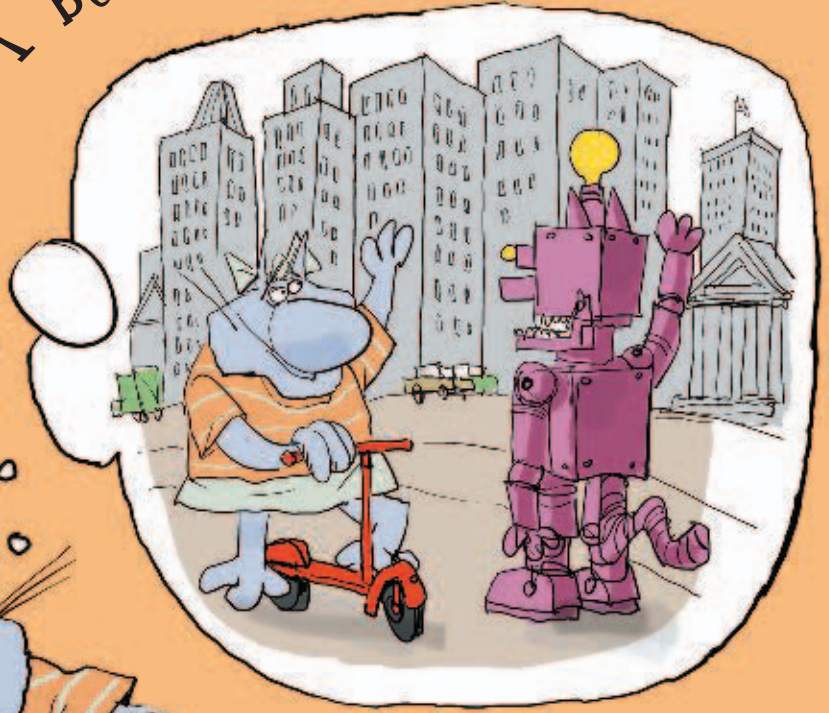


Whether they're **abstract**
or **proper** or **neither**,



Whether it's **talent**
or **Timmy**
or **teether**,

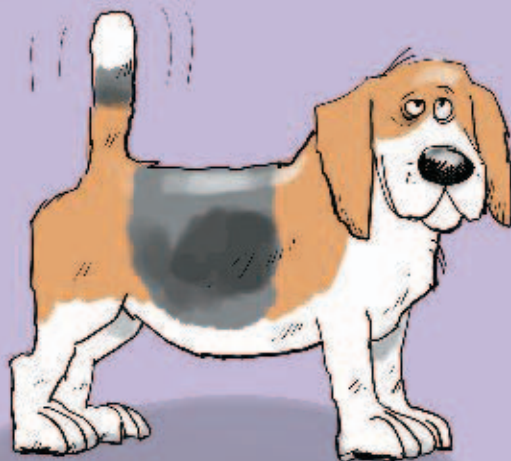
if it can be thought about,



ridden uptown,

talked to, or walked to,
it's surely a noun!

Like beagle
or eagle,
a robin
or Wren,



a Scooter,
a tutor,

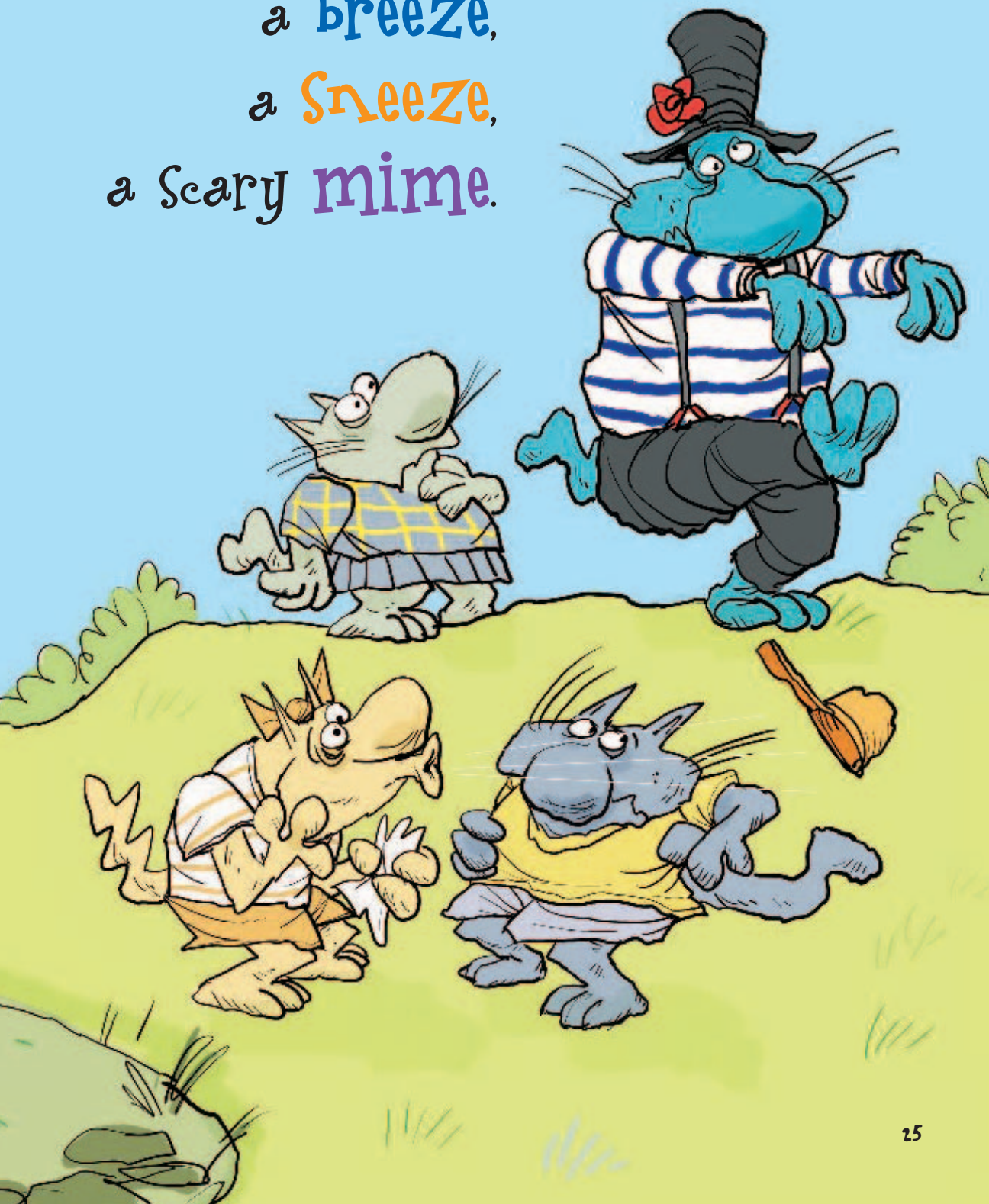
a pig, or a pen.



A lime,
a dime,
a pool/
of slime,



a breeze,
a sneeze,
a scary mime.

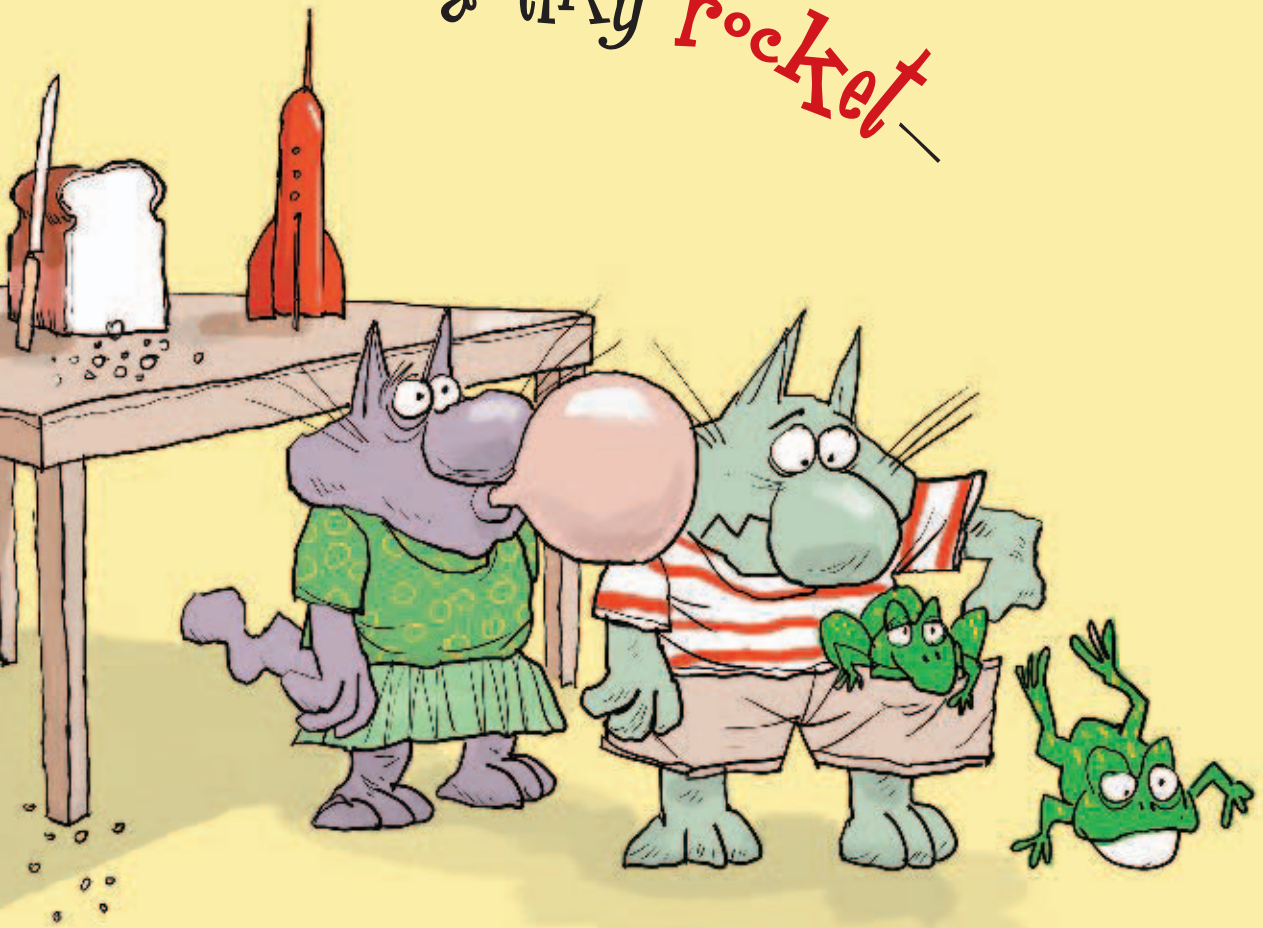


A stylized illustration of two potted plants. The plant on the left has dense, curly orange and red foliage. The plant on the right has yellow and orange foliage. Both are in simple grey pots and sit on a light brown surface against a light purple background.



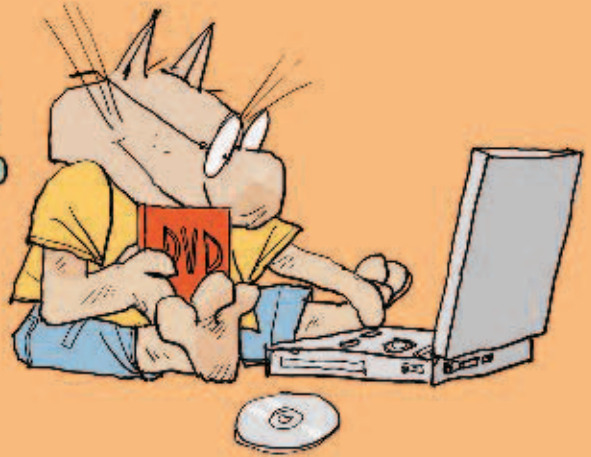
and hats
and pearls.

A crumb, some gum,
a tiny rocket—

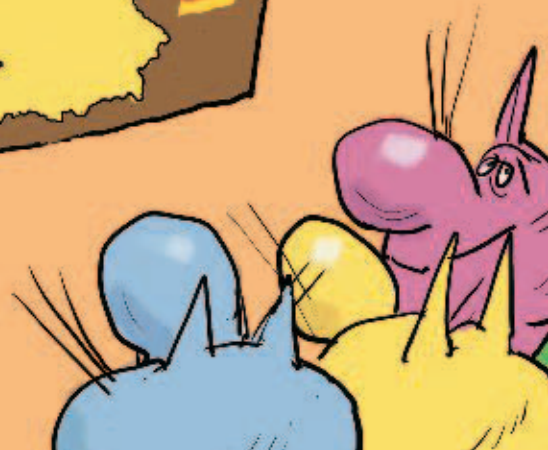
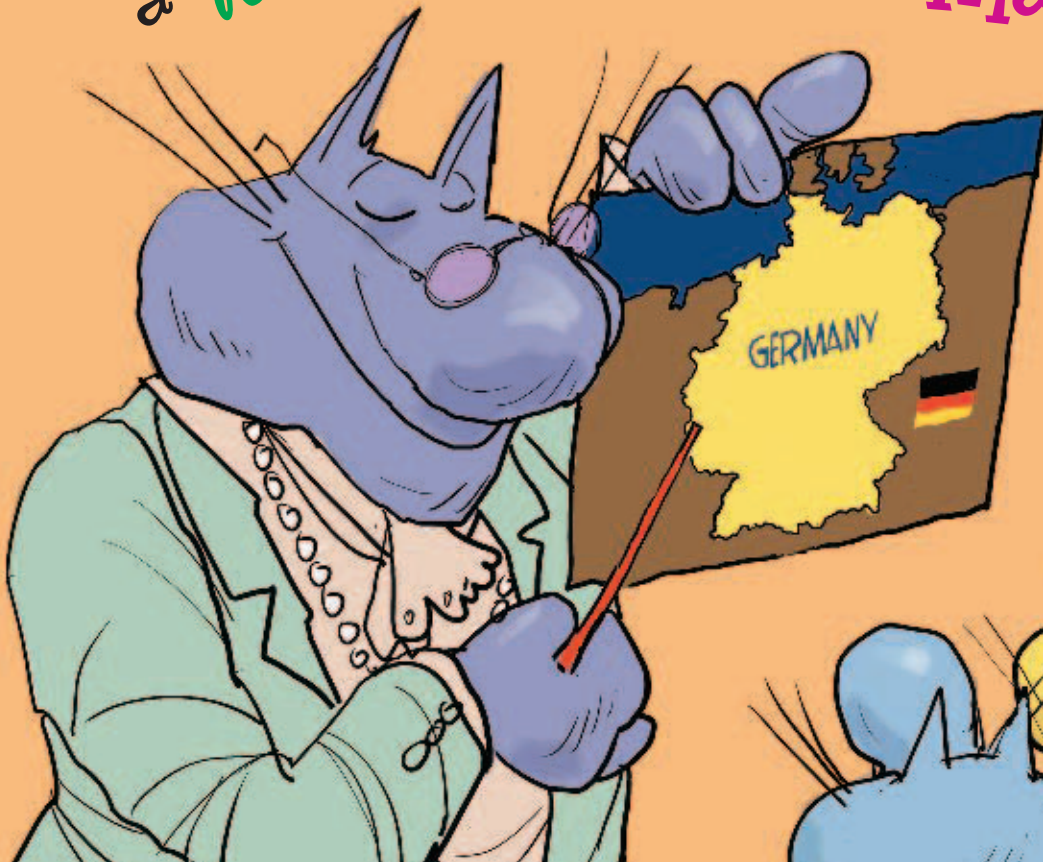


a noun can be
what's in your pocket.

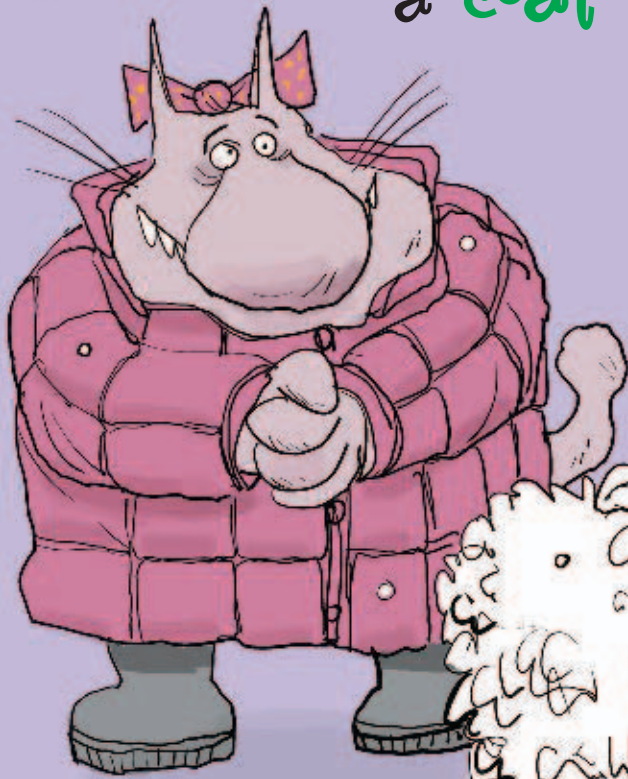
If it's a **tape** or **DVD**,



a **teacher's aide** or **Germany**,



a coat that's made of



Wool
or down,



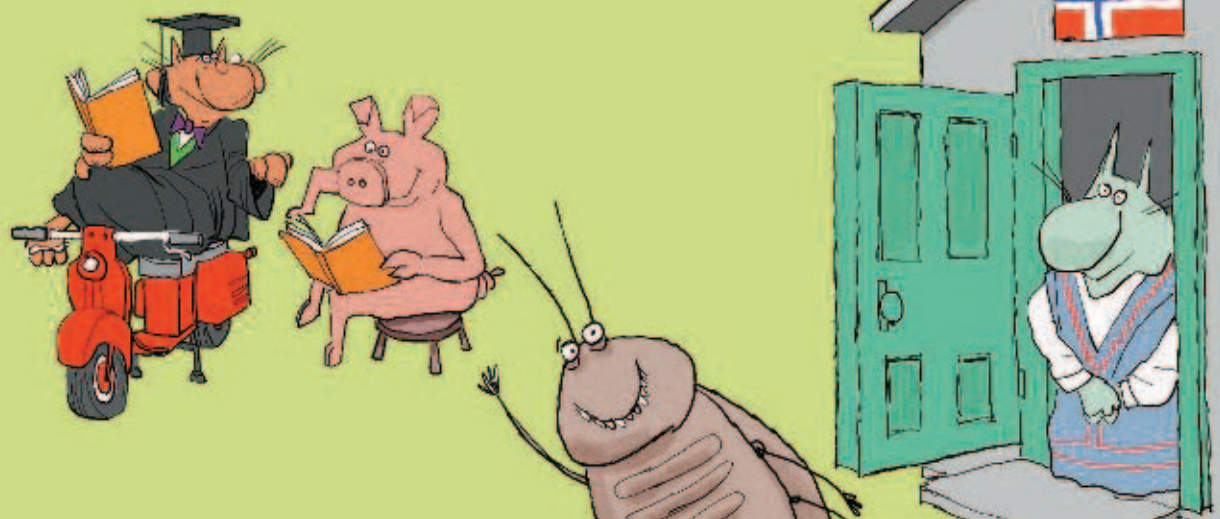
then say it with me—
it's a noun!

So, what is a noun?





Do you know?



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